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PRELIMINARIES.

All musical sounds are expressed by certain characters, called notes, which are named from the first seven letters of the alphabet: A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

A Stave \equiv \equiv \equiv \equiv contains five lines, and four spaces: the lowest line is called the first. The notes are placed on the lines, or spaces; above, or under the stave; and the

additional, called LEBGER lines

are for the higher and lower notes.

CLEFS.

In order to determine the PITCH of musical notes, certain signs, called CLEFS or CLIFFS have been invented, which are set at the beginning of the staves.

There are five in general use. The Bafs clef, on the 4th line The Tenor clef on the 4th line The Counter-tenor clef on the 3th line The Soprano clef on the 1st line And the Treble clef on the 2th line

The Treble and Bafs clefs are chiefly used for the Piano Forte.



Let the PUPIL now strike the notes on the instrument; taking notice, that the first LONG key, on the left hand, serves for the first F; the second LONG key for G; the third for A; and so on: making no other use, at present, of the SHORT keys, than as GUIDES to direct the eye; by observing, that between B and C, and between E and F, there are no SHORT keys; which places in the scale are distinguished thus \smile .

Remark on the foregoing Scale.

The first EIGHT NOTES in the treble-stave from G to G, are the SAME as the corresponding EIGHT NOTES, perpendicularly under them in the bafs-stave, both in NAME and SOUND; they are played, therefore, on the SAME keys.

As a help to memory; let the Pupil contemplate the notes, SEPARATELY, on the lines, and spaces; beginning by the FIVE lines.





N.B. Let the Pupil FIRST be familiarized with the notes, by READILY naming them; and then find them out as READILY on the instrument.

Intervals:

The least of our INTERVALS is called a semitone, or half-tone: it is the INTERVAL, in the NATURAL scale, between E and F; and between B and C. Ex:

The REGULAR progression of the OTHER notes in the NATURAL, which is also called DIATONIC scale, is by an INTERVAL of two semitones or a whole tone.

Example of the NATURAL* or DIATONIC scale.



The INTERVAL between C and D, between D and E, or between any two contiguous notes, in the scale, is called a SECOND: the INTERVAL between C and E, or between D and F, &c: is called a third; and so on.

* NATURAL. from the FACILITY with which it is sung: and DIATONIC, as it proceeds chiefly by TONES.

Example of INTERVALS

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The INTERVAL of an 8th is commonly called an OCTAVE.

N.B. The nature, and name of the INTERVALS remain the same, whether the single notes be played successively, or whether two, or more, be struck together: the form er is properly called MELODY; and the latter, HARMONY.

Example of the latter. _____ The notes thus taken TOGETHER are also called CHORDS; the succefsion of which, played from certain figures set over a bass, according to a system of rules, is denominated THOROUGH-BASS.





Figure, Length, and relative Value of Notes; with their respective Rests.

A DOT after a note, or rest, makes the note or rest half as long again. Ex: ______ is equal to a minim and a crotchet; or to three crotchets, and so on: r · is equal to r - and so on: by which it is evident, that the DOT to a minim is equal to a crotchet; and the DOT to a crotchet is equal to a quaver; &c: When a second dot is added to the first, the second dot is considered as the half of the first; therefore a double-dotted Crotchet, is equal to a crotchet, quaver, and semiquaver; or to seven semiquavers. thus E Let us farther illustrate this by the mark, called a TIE, made thus — which, when placed between two notes of the SAME pitch, binds the second to the first; so that only the first is struck, but the finger must be held down the full length of both. It is therefore indifferent whether we write thus is the same in effect as E and Time and its Divisions. divides a musical composition into EQUAL por_ The BAR, made thus Ξ tions of time. TIME is divided into two sorts; COMMON and TRIPLE; each of which is either SIMPLE or COMPOUND: and the character or sign, which denotes it, is placed at the beginning of every composition, after the clef. denotes; SIMPLE common time, when marked thus

that each bar contains one semibreve, or its equivalent.

Example

When marked thus the bar contains one minim, or its equivalent.



COMPOUND triple time is seldom used in modern music.

N.B. The contents of every bar, in common time; whether SIMPLE, or COMPOUND, may be divided, (by beating or counting) into four, or into two equal parts: and in triple time; whether SIMPLE, or COMPOUND, into three equal parts.

The figures, which mark the time, have a reference to the SEMIBREVE; the LOWER number, showing into how many parts the SEMIBREVE is divided; and the UPPER number, how many of such parts are taken to fill up a bar. for example $\frac{2}{4}$ denotes, that the SEMIBREVE is divided into four parts, namely, four crotchets; and that two of them are taken for each bar: likewise $\frac{3}{8}$ indicates, that the SEMIBREVE is di. vided into eight parts, namely, eight quavers; and that three of them are adopted to compleat a bar.

The figure of 3 placed over three crotchets, quavers or semiquavers

thus or or that the three crotchets must be per-

- formed within the time of two common crotchets, or of one minim; the three qua-- vers within the time of two common quavers, or of one crotchet; and the three sc -- miquavers within the time of two common semiquavers, or of one quaver.

N.B. The easiest way is to consider them all as three to one, and to beat or reconnection is latrad:

the time accordingly; that is, to heat the first of every 3. (N.B. SCARLATTI, and others have written three demisemiquavers to a quaver; and three semiquavers to a crotchet in some of their pieces.) The figure of 6 over quavers or semiquavers, means that they are to be performed within the time of four of the same kind; which is a similar case to the preceding one. The figures 5,7,9,10 &c: follow the same rule.

Sharps, and Flats, &c.

The SHARP # placed before a note, raises it a semitone or half-tone. Let us now observe a scale of semitones, called the CHROMATIC scale.

Ex: The intervals of the contiguous notes are all semitones.

N.B. The LONG keys of the Piano-Forte, or Harpsichord, are commonly called the NATURAL keys, tho' they occasionally serve for SHARPS and FLATS; and the SHORT keys, are called SHARPS and FLATS, being only used for SHARP and FLAT notes.

Now if a SHARP be placed before C, thus: C SHARP; and it is found on the instrument and D NATURAL; being one of the SHORT keys: D SHARP is the SHORT key between D, and E; but between E, and F, there is no SHORT key; nor is it want _ - ed: for the INTERVAL between E and F, is but a semitone; and therefore when we want E, SHARP, we strike the key generally called F NATURAL. F SHARP will be found between F NATURAL, and G NATURAL: G SHARP between G and A NATU -- RAL: A SHARP between A and B NATURAL: and B SHARP is under the same pre_ - dicament as E, SHARP; we therefore strike C NATURAL for it.

The FLAT b placed before a note, lowers it a semitone or half-tone: and if the note is a B, to which the FLAT is prefixed, it is then called B FLAT; and it is found between B NATURAL, and A NATURAL, being one of the SHORT keys. _____ General rule: every FLAT is found by going one semitone LOWER; that is, toward the left-hand: and every SHARF, contrariwise, by going one semitone HIGHER; that is, toward the right-hand.

The double SHARP X raises the note two semitones; and therefore, if it be F double SHARP, we strike G NATURAL; &c:

The double FLAT b or by lowers the note TWO semitones; and therefore we go as much to the LEFT for a double FLAT, as we did to the RIGHT for a double SHARP.

The NATURAL & takes away the effect of a SHARP, or a FLAT; whether single, or double. And #, or \$, REINSTATES the single sharp, or flat.

The Pupil must by this time have observed, that the is struck by the Clamenti's Introd;

SAME key as the land the same key as the same key as

Now, the inconveniency of charging the memory with the VARIOUS uses of the SAME keys, is but small; when compared with the impracticablenefs of perform _ ing on an instrument, furnished with keys, PERFECTLY corresponding with eve _ ry flat, and sharp, single or double, which composition may require: a method therefore, has been adopted in tuning, called TEMPERAMENT, which, by a small deviation from the truth of every interval, EXCEPT THE OCTAVE, renders the instrument capable of satisfying the ear in EVERY key.

When a SHARP is placed close to the clef thus it affects every F throughout the piece; except where the sharp is contradicted by the natural.

N.B. The same rule holds, when there are two or more sharps at the clef; eve -- ry one affecting its corresponding note.

When a FLAT is placed by the clef ______ it affects every B throughout the piece; except where the flat is contradicted by the natural.

N.B. The same rule holds, when there are t vo or more flats at the clef; every one affecting its corresponding note.

When a sharp, flat, or natural is prefixed to a note, in the course of a piece, it affects all the following notes of the SAME NAME, contained in the SAME BAR: it is then called an ACCIDENTAL Sharp, flat, or natural.



which abbreviations, are a modern improvement.

The foregoing RULE extends even to the first note of the subsequent bar, when the affected note is the last of one bar, and first of the next.

written Ex: And the same with flats and naturals. The order of SHARPS descending by a 4th and scending by a 5^{th} at the clef. The order of FLATS ascending by a 4th and at the clef. descending by a 5th Clementi's Introd:

Various other marks.

The pause or renders the NOTE longer AT FLEASURE; and in certain cases, the composer expects some EMBELLISHMENTS from the perform. . er; but the pause on a rest \hat{r} only lengthens, AT PLEASURE, the SILENCE.

The SIGN OF REPEAT 'S' is a reference to a passage, or strain, to which the performer is to return: the Italian words, AL SEGNO OF DAL SEGNO, denote such a return.

The double bar marks the end of a strain; or the conclusion of a piece. The DOTTED bars denote the repeat of the foregoing, and following strain. N.B. The second part of a piece, if VERY LONG, is seldom re-

- peated; notwithstanding the bors.

When the bars are marked thus are or the strain, only on the side of the **DOTS** is to be repeated.



Style, Graces, and marks of Expression, &c.

The best general rule, is to keep down the keys of the instrument, the FULL LENG TO of every note; for when the contrary is required, the notes are marked either thus: called in ITALIAN, STACCATO; denoting DISTINCTNESS, and SHORT_ NESS of sound; which is produced by lifting the finger up, as soon as it has struck the key: or they are marked thus which, when composers are EXACT in their writing, means LESS staccato than the preceding mark; the finger, therefore, is kept down somewhat longer: or thus which means STILL LESS stac_ cato: the nice degrees of MORE and LESS, however, depend on the CHARACTER, and PASSION of the piece; the STYLE of which must be WELL OBSERVED by the performer. The notes marked thus called LEGATO in Italian, Charactic Extrad

must be played in a smooth and close manner; which is done by keeping down the first key, 'till the next is struck; by which means, the strings VIBRATE SWEET_ _Ly into one another.

N.B. When the composer leaves the LEGATO, and STACCATO to the performer's taste; the best rule is, to adhere chiefly to the LEGATO; reserving the STACCATO to give SPIRIT occasionally to certain paisages, and to set off the HIGHER BEAU. .TIES of the LEGATO.

This mark { prefixed to a chord signifies, that the notes must be played successively, from the lowest; with more or lefs velocity, as the sentiment may require; keeping each note down 'till the time of the chord be filled up.

Chords marked thus are played as the preceding chords, with the addition of a note where the oblique line is put, as if writ. ten thus the additional note is not to be kept down.

Dolce or dol: means sweet, with TASTE; now and then swellings some notes. Piano or Pia: or P, SOFT.

Mezzo, or mezzo piano, or poco P, or poc.P. RATHER SOFT.

Pianifsimo, or P. or PP, VERY SOFT.

Fortifsimo, or F. or FF, VERY LOUD.

Forte, or For: or F, LOUD.

Mezzo F, or mez:F, RATHER LOUD.

Forzando, or sforzando or fz ar sf, to FORCE, or give emphasis to, one note. Rinforzando, or rinf: to swell 2, 3, or 4 notes.

Crescendo, or cres: marked sometimes thus <u>means</u> GRADUALLY LOUDER. Decrescendo, or decres: GRADUALLY SOFTER; the same as the following; viz:

Diminuendo, or dim: thus _____ GRADUALLY SOFTER. N.B. this last mark ______ often denotes an EMPHASIS, where it is wIDEST, and then DIMI_______ NISHING.

This mark *means* to swell and DIMINISH.

ARPEGGIO, Or ARPEGGIATO, requires that the notes of a CHORD shall be played succefsively; which may be done in various ways.



OTTAVA, All'8^{1,4}, 8^{1,4} alta, set over a passage, means that the notes are to be played an octave higher: and Loco, that the notes are to be played again as they are written.

Clementis Introd :

The APPOGGIATURA is a GRACE prefixed to a note, which is always played LEGATO, and with more or lefs EMPHASIS; being derived from the ITALIAN verb APPOGGIARE, to lean upon; and it is written in a SMALL note. Its LENGTH is borrowed from the following LARGE note; and in GENERAL, it is half of its duration; MORE or LESS, however, according to the EXPRESSION of the pafsage.

APPOGGIATURAS, and other GRACES in small notes explained.

-to-be-play_C played thus D or ed thus hus thus or thus with spirit as taste best directs in the pafsage. Sometimes Sometimes the little notes are added to give EMPHASIS: Fxample -thus plaved- N.B. the finger or thumb must be taken off immediately from the LOWER notes. played Ex: expressively some. thus hus + Ex: 'in double notes TURNS, SHAKES, and BEATS, explained. The Turn laved small-notes thus the state of thus thus ? ? . . The dotted The plain thus note and turn Inverted turns hins thus marti Introde



N.B. The LOWEST note of EVERY Sort of turn is MOSTLY a semitone:

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N.B. The GENERAL mark for the shake is this *h* and composers trust CHIEFLY to the taste and judgment of the performer, whether it shall be long, short, transient, or turned.

The BEAT

Clementi's Introd:

The LENGTH of the BEAT is determined, like that of the other graces, by the cir_____. cumstances of the passage.

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N.B. When the note preceding the beat is an interval of a sECOND, let the beat a dopt it, whether it be a semitone or a whole tone:



But when the beat, is on the FIRST note of a passage; or, when it follows a note, whose interval is GREATER than a SECOND, it should be made with a semitone; as the following examples will show.

Examples

les thus thus thus

Lastly, let us remark, that the beat is seldom used in modern music.

Major, and Minor Modes or Keys; VULGARLY called Sharp and Flat Keys.

The FUNDAMENTAL note, called the TONIC OF KEY-NOTE, of a composition is either in the MAJOR, or MINOR mode. An exposition of the scale in each MODE, will best explain their efsential difference.

Key_ Kev Ascending and descending scale in the key of 8 8 C, MAJOR.

N.B. The intervals in THIS scale are in their SIMPLE state; but in the following, they are an octave higher, and are called COMPOUND intervals; still retaining their names of 2^{d} 3^{d} 4^{th} &c; as in their SIMPLE state. The figure 1, stands for a note of the same pitch, called UNISON: this last remark is confined to the foregoing example.

Kev Kev_ Ascending and descending scale 6 7 5 in the key of A, MINOR.

The first DIFFERENCE, which strikes the eye, is, that in the MAJOB-KEY, the se_ _ mitone lies between the 3^d and 4th, and between the 7th and 8th both ascending, and descending: whereas in the MINOR-KEY, it lies between the 2^d and 3^d, and between the 7th and 8th ascending; but in descending, between the 2^d and 3^d and between the 5th and 6th Authors vary, however, in regard to the 6th and 7th of the MINOR mode.

The ESSENTIAL and IMMUTABLE difference, therefore, between the MAJOR and MINOR key, is the interval of the 3^d, which differs by a SEMITONE; for if we a_ _ nalvse the 3^d in the MAJOR-scale, it will be found to contain two whole tones; or

four semitones: Ex: tone -÷

Whereas the 3^d in the MINOR-scale, will be found to contain one whole tone with a se_ _ mitone; or three semitones.

Example Clement's Intrid;

Now, the LAST, and if a chord, the LOWEST note of the bass, in every REGULAR composition, is the KEY-NOTE; let the contents then of the first FULL bar be examined, (treble and bass); where, if the 3^d be major, the piece is said to be in such a key major.

Example of a conclusion:

clusion:

the LAST and LOWEST

note of the bafs is F.

the 3^d of F, which is A in the

Example of the beginning of the same piece:

first FULL bar, is MAJOR: therefore the piece is in F MAJOR.

here the 3^d of Λ is minor, the piece is there fore in Λ minor.

Example of A MINOR ending.

N.B. Sometimes a composition in the MINOR mode may have a MAJOR ending; for which reason, it is safer to examine the beginning, in order to determine the MODE.

Example

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Let the Pupil remember, that the NATURAL major-key is C; and the NATURAL minor-key is A; which latter is called the RELATIVE MINOR to the former; and that every MAJOR-KEY has its RELATIVE MINOR in the same proportion, namely one tone and semitone UNDER; as will be shown in the collection of scales.

Explanation of Various Terms.

The DEGREE of "clocity in every composition is ascertained by some ITALIAN word or words prefixed to it: as ADAGIO, POCO ALLEGRO, &C. We shall annex a list of the terms mostly in use; beginning by the slowest degree, which is ADAGIO; and gradually proceeding to the QUICKEST, which

is Prestissimo.				
1	ADAGIO	6 ANDANTINO	11 MAESTOSO	16 SPIRITOSO
2	GRAVE	7 ANDANTE	12 Сон сомморо	17 CON BRIO
3	LARGO	8 Allegretto	13 Allegro	18 Con Fuoco
ł	LENTO	9 Moderato	14 VIVACE	19 PRESTO
5	LARGHETTO	10 Темро січьто	15 Con spirito	20 PRESTISSIMO

Various other terms are sometimes added to the preceding, in order to MODIFY or extend their meaning, as: Non TROPPO ALLEGRO, not too quick &c.

Clomenti's Introny

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We shall subjoin some of the most common, with their explanation.

MOLTO, DI MOLTO, Or ASSAI, very. Non TROPPO, not too much. UN POCO, a little. QUASI, almost. PIÙ, more. MENO, lefs. PIÙ TOSTO, rather. SEMPRE, always. MA, but. CON, with. SENZA, without. MINUETTO A TEMPO DI BALLO, dancing - minuet time.

To determine more particularly the style of performing, some of the fol _ _ lowing terms are also used: MESTO, or FLEBILE, in a melancholy style.

- CANTABILE, in a singing and graceful manner. AFFETTUOSO, in an af _ fecting and tender manner. GRAZIOSO, in a graceful and elegant manner. CON MOTO, with a certain degree of vivacity. BRILLANTE, with brilliancy and spirit. AGGITATO, agitated; with pafsion and fire. CON ESPRESSIONE, or CON ANIMA, with exprefsion; that is, with pafsionate feeling; where every note has its peculiar force and energy; and where even the severity of time may be re_
- _ laxed for extraordinary effects. SCHERZANDO, in a playful and light manner. SOSTENUTO, to sustain, or hold on, the notes their full length. TENUTO, or ab.
- breviated thus, TEN: to hold a note its full length. A TEMPO, in strict time. AD LIBITUM, at pleasure or discretion, with regard to time; introducing in certain cases an embellishment. TEMPO PRIMO, or PRIMO TEMPO, in the original time. RALLENTANDO or RITARDANDO, gradually slackening the time.

S MORZANDO, MORENDO OF PERDENDOSI, extinguishing gradually the sound, 'till it be almost lost. CALANDO, OF MANCANDO, diminishing by degrees the sound, or slackening almost imperceptibly the time; or both. DA CAPO, abbreviated thus: D.C., to return to, and end with, the first strain. VOLTI SUBITO OF V.S. turn over quickly. The LATIN word BIS, means TWICE; it is generally placed over a pafsage within a curve line, which denotes the extent of the repeat.

FINGERING.

To produce the BEST EFFECT, by the EASIEST MEANS, is the great basis of the art of fingering. The EFFECT, being of the highest importance, is FIRST consulted; the way to accomplish it is then devised; and THAT MODE of fin--gering is PREFERRED which gives the BEST EFFECT, the' not always the ea-- siest to the performer. But the combinations of notes being almost infinite, the art of fingering will best be taught by examples.

PRELIMINARY DIRECTIONS.

The hand and arm should be held in an horizontal position; neither deprefs - . ing nor raising the wrist: the seat should therefore be adjusted accordingly. The fingers and thumb should be placed over the keys, always **geady to strike**; bending

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the fingers in, more or lefs in proportion to their length. All unnecefsary motion must be avoided.

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The + is for the thumb, and 1, 2, 3, 4, for the succeeding fingers.

Right Hand $43 \ge 1 + 1 \ge 3 4 3 \ge 1 + 1 \ge 3 4 = 1 = 1$ and so on, a great many times. Left $43 \ge 1 + 1 \ge 3 4 = 1 = 1 = 1$ N.B. Let every note be played even, in regard to time; and with equal strength.

Scales in all the MAJOR keys, with their relative MINORS; which ought to be practised daily.





N.B. The \$# means that the double sharp is taken away, and that the note is to be played with a single sharp. The single flat is reinstated in a similar manner, after the double flat, as we have before remarked.



Clementi's Introd:



N.B. The semitones are to be fingered in the same way, ascending and descending.

General Remarks on the foregoing Scales.

The right hand has the thumb on the KEY-NOTE or TONIC, and on the 4th of the KEY-NOTE, in the following MAJOR and MINOR keys: C, G, D, A, E, and B.

In all MAJOR keys with one or more flats, the thumb is put on C, and F.

The left hand has the thumb on the KEY-NOTE, and on the 5th of the KEY, in the following MAJOR and MINOR keys: F, C, G, D, A, and E.

In the MAJOR keys of Bb, Eb, Ab, and Db, the thumb is put on the 3d and 7th of the key.

Extensions and Contractions &c.

- R.H^d R.H^d

N.B. The 4+ means that after striking C with the 4^{th} finger, the thumb is shifted on the key without striking it. In a similar manner the left hand thus:

Which mode of fingering should be much practised in various **#**ways, the LEGATO-STYLE requiring it very frequently.

Circulanti's Intrud;

The shakes should be practised with every finger, not excluding the thumb; and upon the short as well as long keys.



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